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Docket No. 2629-4017

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): James ANTHONY; Attila LORINCZ; John TROY; and Yanlin TANG

Group Art Unit: 1637

Serial No.: 09/594,839

Examiner: Suryaprabha CHUNDURU

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For: DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS BY TYPE-SPECIFIC HYBRID CAPTURE METHOD

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Official Action dated May 1, 2007, applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants present the following amendment and remarks.

In addition, the applicants have petitioned for a one (1) month extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including September 1, 2007. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a) when the last day to take action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, *i.e.*, September 4, 2007 without additional extension fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.